

Marietta Journal (1868-1998)

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One hundred thirty years of local, regional, national and international history
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Overview

As one of the few major newspapers to remain family-owned in an era of corporate buyouts, the *Marietta Journal* is a fiercely independent testament to the power of local news. The second-largest paper in Georgia, the *Journal* provides not only news and sports from across north Georgia, but also regional, national and international reporting. The fully searchable digitized archives of the *Marietta Journal* span 130 years, offering wide-ranging perspectives on the issues and events that shaped Georgia, as well Georgia's reaction to the issues and events that shaped the world.

Firsthand reporting from the Civil War and beyond

The *Marietta Journal* rose from the ashes of the Civil War, just a few years after General Sherman's March Through Georgia. Though Sherman's army devastated the town, it left behind a printing press, which Robert McAlpin Goodman used to create the first issues of the *Journal*. From the final months of the war to the abolition of slavery and Reconstruction, the *Journal* provides a window into Southern life in the late 19th century.

A window into 20th-century New England

In 1916, a competing newspaper, *The Cobb County Times*, was launched, with a promise to "First, last and always... boost our county and our towns, and we desire our readers to feel free at all times to criticize the newspaper." In 1951, the *Marietta Journal* and *The Cobb County Times* merged, creating northern Georgia's most influential and respected daily newspaper. As Georgia and the South struggled through desegregation, the Civil Rights Movement, fluxes in agriculture and more, the *Journal* was there to capture the news in detail, as well as provide photographs, advertisements and editorials that offer insight into 20th century Georgia.

An American Newspaper Archive

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